

and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

13. The composition of claim 12 further comprising a colloidal dispersion system.

14. The composition of claim 12 wherein the compound is an antisense oligonucleotide.

15. A method of inhibiting the expression of interleukin 8 in cells or tissues comprising contacting said cells or tissues with the compound of claim 1 so that expression of interleukin 8 is inhibited.

16. A method of treating an animal having a disease or condition associated with interleukin 8 comprising administering to said animal a therapeutically or prophylactically effective amount of the compound of claim 1 so that expression of interleukin 8 is inhibited.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the disease or condition is a hyperproliferative disease.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the hyperproliferative disease is cancer.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein the cancer is melanoma, leukemia or lymphoma.

20. The method of claim 16 wherein the disease or condition is an autoimmune disorder.